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Early in the week prices were unchanged to higher. Through out the week prices were higher on the smaller sizes and unchanged on the larger sized eggs. The market tone was steady on the larger sizes and fully steady on the smaller eggs. Retail and food service was fair to fairly good and best where features were available. Supplies on larger sizes adequate to instances available, smaller sizes barely adequate. Nest run breaking stock mostly prices were higher with checks and undergrades ranging 1 cent higher. Trading and demand irregular for the light offers. Some breakers report breaking stock supplies in close balance and operating in line with available breaking stock. Buyers needing product bidding higher prices. Schedules generally full-time. Floor stocks adequate to short of current needs. Trade sentiment mostly steady to instances fully steady. Light type hens were usually adequate for current processing requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	99-101	95-98	62-67
New York	74-76	71-74	63-66
Philadelphia	71-74	69-72	56-63
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	67-68	65.5-67	51-52
Jackson (1)	76-77	74-75	60-61
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	79-92	77-90	57-69
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	65-70	64-69	54-59
Detroit (2)	62-65	61-64	47-50
Major Ohio Cities (2)	63-69	62-67	48-54
Major Wisconsin Cities	66-73	64-71	51-58
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	87-91	83-86	63-66
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	95	81

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 6-Oct-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.33	70.95	57.81
SOUTHERN	72.77	70.85	51.97
MIDWEST	64.62	63.39	48.33
WESTERN	94.70	88.22	71.11
TWELVE METRO AREAS	79.02	75.43	59.93

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-10-00	10-03-00	10-12-99
Large	44-46	42-44	21-23
Medium	31-33	27-29	10-12

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Oct 09, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.6	15.1	8.9	14.6	7.0	58.2
	Change	0.1	1.0	1.6	0.9	-0.4	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.0	35.2	13.7	23.1	22.0	117.0
	Change	-1.8	2.3	-2.2	-1.2	-4.3	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	40.8	77.0	60.9	69.2	90.3	338.2
	Change	-6.6	1.1	6.8	3.5	-5.3	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.0	30.2	13.3	17.5	22.2	93.2
	Change	-7.7	-0.6	0.5	-1.3	-5.3	-13%
Small	Curr Wk	3.7	5.8	2.7	5.9	6.2	24.3
	Change	0.6	-2.8	0.0	0.6	0.1	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	16.3	7.6	11.0	4.5	45.1
	Change	1.6	1.1	1.1	-4.8	-0.4	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.6	27.4	14.7	26.4	36.9	135.0
	Change	3.5	-2.1	-0.3	1.7	2.8	4%
Total	Curr Wk	125.4	207.0	121.8	167.7	189.1	811.0
Percent	Change	-8%	0%	7%	0%	-6%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	811.0	-2%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	392.0	2%	39
Total Shell Egg	1203.0	-1%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 07-Oct-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,181,021	27,275	11,291	6,149	2,369	3,884
PW	1,197,992	28,339	11,358	5,961	2,302	4,092
LY	1,218,404	27,152	12,272	6,428	2,420	3,916
% PW	-1	-4	-1	3	3	-5
% LY	-3	0	-8	-4	-2	-1
2000	46,824,037	1,056,675	471,972	253,603	114,123	155,639
1999	44,422,190	1,024,757	424,511	231,267	103,308	140,520

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.15	41.53	40.85

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 07-OCT-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENTCHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	214.8	-1	-6
E.N. CENTRAL	489.0	-5	2
W.N. CENTRAL	243.1	-5	2
S. ATLANTIC	198.4	4	2
S. CENTRAL	77.8	5	4
WEST	177.1	-1	-21
TOTAL	1,400.2	-2	-3

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING	92	92
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STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	SEP 30	OCT 07	SEP 30	OCT 07
	Thousand			
AL	27,520	28,256	19,870	19,987
AR	28,185	28,473	*22,766	23,560
DE	3,629	3,975	4,419	4,664
FL	2,622	2,649	2,063	2,237
GA	*30,592	30,328	*22,560	24,266
MD	8,109	7,663	4,640	4,496
MS	17,447	17,825	14,040	13,424
NC	17,559	16,908	*13,160	13,317
PA	*3,655	3,770	*2,755	2,647
SC	4,911	4,953	4,872	3,642
TX	*14,135	14,443	*10,944	10,349
VA	5,810	6,087	*5,374	4,445
CA, TN, & WV	*9,814	9,663	*9,448	9,106
15 State Total	*173,988	174,993	*136,911	136,140
Previous Year	175,385	168,688	132,436	133,105
	99	104	103	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 18-Nov-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 141.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 143.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.64 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 10/05/00-10/11/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	48.25	57.20	52.58	51.50	51.75	—	14.50
GNR W 2	48.25	51.83	47.00	49.00	44.96	47.50	10.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	41.63	—	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	54.75	56.25	—	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	59.30	54.50	56.15	52.59	—	21.25
GL W LG	60.00	57.65	51.75	55.35	48.79	—	16.00
GL W MD	46.00	48.00	41.83	43.50	—	48.00	10.50
GL W SM	—	—	25.76	26.97	—	—	7.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	9.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 07-OCT-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.6	22.2	15	-8
BOSTON	3.9	4.1	-5	3
CHICAGO	58.8	51.7	14	38
DETROIT	33.2	24.9	33	16
KANSAS CITY	4.0	3.9	3	60
LOS ANGELES	98.8	91.5	8	11
NEW ORLEANS	11.7	9.1	29	-12
NEW YORK	32.3	32.6	-1	-28
ST. LOUIS	14.3	17.6	-19	-5
SAN FRANCISCO	20.7	22.6	-8	-2
TOTAL	303.3	280.2	8	5
4 WK MVG AVG	286.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-OCT-2000

PROCESSED					
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,303	3,091	72	15	5,481
AVG WT	15.72	32.25	24.88	24.17	25.19
LAST WEEK	2,099	3,188	77	24	5,388
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,954(B)		13	26	3,993
AVG WT	25.39(B)		27.92	26.19	25.40
TO-DATE/2000	189,353(B)		1,209	1,098	191,660
TO-DATE/1999	191,584(B)		609	1,438	193,631
(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.					
(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.					

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS		WEEK ENDING 07-OCT-2000				
—YOUNG TURKEYS—		FRYER		OLD		TKY AVG
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	TOTAL	
HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	864	1	21.83	(A)	(A)	867 21.83
S ATL	922	7	26.47	(A)	(A)	925 26.47
N CENT	2,495	1	27.72	(A)	(A)	2,498 27.72
S CENT	607	1	18.87	(A)	(A)	610 18.87
WEST	578	-2	23.85	(A)	(A)	581 23.85
U.S.TOTAL	5,466(B)	2	25.19	0	15	5,481 25.19
TO DATE						
2000	190,396(B)			166	1,098	191,660
TO DATE						
1999	192,138(B)			55	1,438	193,631

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 72,000 for the year 1,209,000; last year to date 609,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Oct-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,977(A)	1,796	1,538	3,334	473
AVG WT	5.16	3.45	7.94	5.52	6.68
LAST WEEK	155,386	1,792	1,513	3,305	499
YR AGO	153,081	1,831	1,652	3,483	430
AVG WT	5.06	3.36	7.80	5.47	6.61
TO-DATE/2000	6,189,919	76,658	57,903	134,561	17,877
TO-DATE/1999	6,069,572	83,893	56,170	140,063	17,705
(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.8 million head or 4.9 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.					

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-00

	CURRENT WEEK 10/14/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/07/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	155,651(2)	160,530
LT HENS	1,567	1,710
HVY HENS	1,501	1,548
TOTAL	158,719	163,788

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Oct-00 is 150.8 million head compared to 155.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.0 million head or 5.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 21-Oct-00 the estimated available is 151.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 2	159.9	151.1	106	4.80
9	136.5	148.8	92	4.87
16	162.8	149.4	109	4.94
23	157.0	150.2	105	5.03
30	157.3	150.2	105	4.96
OCTOBER 7	155.8	150.9	103	5.16
YEAR TO DATE	6267.6	6150.4	102	
OCTOBER 14		150.8		
21		151.5		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from 9-Oct-00	2-Oct-00	2-Oct-00	11-Oct-99
	57.00	0.54	56.46	53.78

NUMBER OF LOADS 607

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 10/09-10/13/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	46.00-50.00	49.41	49	52.42	87
Los Angeles	66.00	64.07	68	62.42	128
New York	44.00-47.00	46.44	25	53.89	59

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-78	77-78	77.40	200
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-78.5	78-78.5	78.30	200

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	73-77	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	73-76	76	76.00	24
WESTERN REGION	73-74	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 9-Oct-00	4,304	152,398	70,764
AM 1-Oct-00	4,215	156,571	69,164
CHG	89	-4173	1600
PCT CHG	2	-3	2

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
10/09/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	.5-9.5(1)	2.5-6	4.22
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	3-10(1)	4-5	4.86
09/29/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0-0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.25(2)	.25	

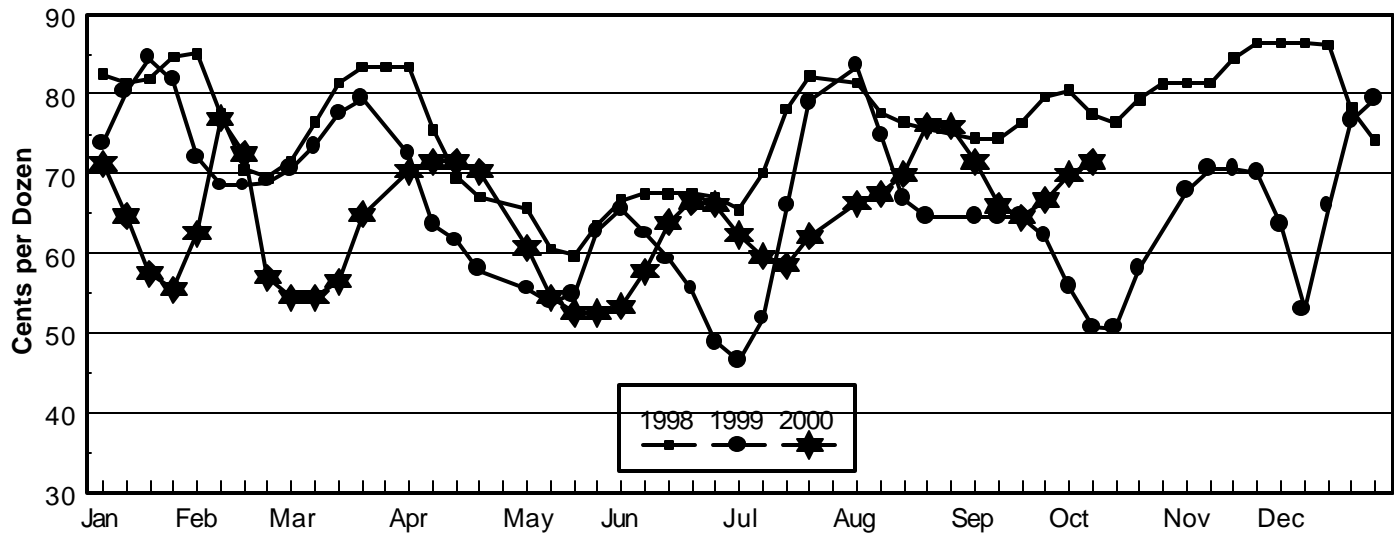
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

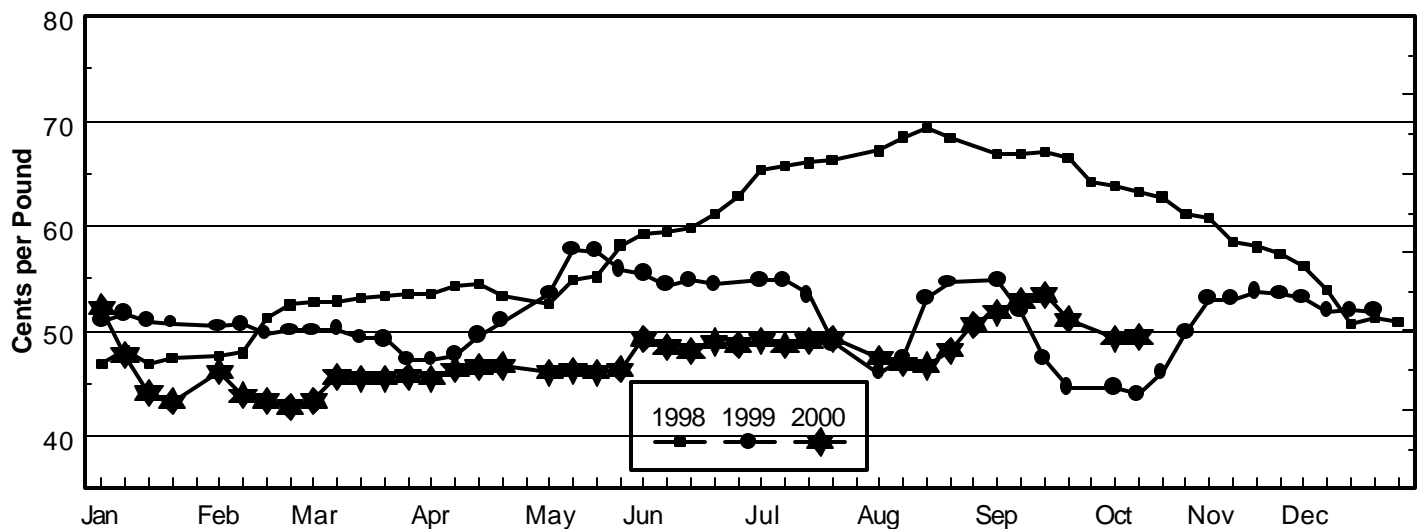
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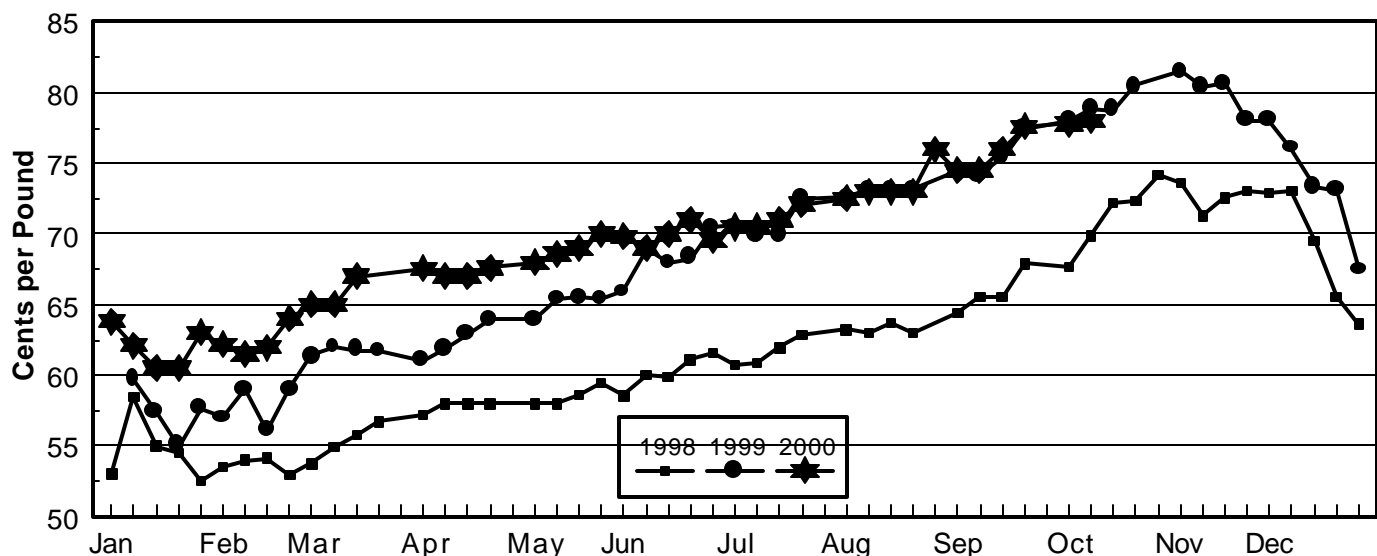
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.